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1. AFRICAN GROUP MET AFTERNOON DECEMBER 15 TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR SC MEETING DECEMBER 20, CONCERNING LESOTHO COMPLAINT AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF GROUP MEMBERS URGED HOSRT DEBATE. IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD EMERGE FROM DEBATE WOULD: CONDEMN SOUTH AFRICA; DENOUNCE CREATION OF SO-CALLED INDEPENDENT TRANSKEI; AND CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO ASSIST LESOTHO. BRITISH, WHO UNDERSTAND LESOTHO FOREIGN MINISTER WILL BE COMING TO NEW YORK, HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING DRAFTING WITH LESOTHO PERM REP. BRITISH MADE POINT INFORMALLY THAT IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO EXPECT WESTERN MEMBER STATES TO BE WILLING TO CONDEMN SOUTH AFRICA IN SC AND, AT SAME TIME, CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO ASSIST LESOTHO. UK HAS BEEN INFORMALLY PLAYING WITH POSSIBLE LANGUAGE OF A DRAFT WHICH, THEY BELIEVE, AFRICANS WOULD WISH TO HAVE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS AND FOR WHICH, THEREFORE, AFRICANS MIGHT BE MORE WILLING TO ACCEPT MODERATE LANGUAGE.

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2. ACCORDNG TO LESOTHO PERM REP, "MODERATE" AFRICANS
BEST BACK NIGERIAN DESIRE FOR VIGOROUS ANTI-SOUTH AFRICAN
DEBATE BY POINTING OUT THAT SC WILL DEAL WITH SOUTH AFRICA
SPECIFICALLY EARLY IN 1977. LESOTHO BELIEVES THAT RESOLUTION
EMERGING FROM NEXT WEEK'S DEBATE COULD INCLUDE, INTER ALIA,
LANGUAGE FROM SC RESOLUTION CONCERNING ASSISTANCE
TO MOZAMBIQUE AND FROM GA RES ON TRANSKEI.
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